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PERSONAL FOR OSD/ISA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ELLSWORTH FROM
AMBASSADOR KUBISCH

DEPT PASS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE

1. IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE (ATHENS 759), WE HAVE DRAWN
ATTENTION TO THE LISTS OF EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE
THREE HELLENIC ARMED FORCES WHICH WERE FIRST PRESENTED TO
ME BY DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF ON DEC 21, 1974. SINCE
THAT TIME THE LISTS HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY REFORMULATED AND
STAFFED OUT INsofar AS POSSIBLE HERE IN GREECE. IN OUR
SEPARATE MESSAGE (ATHENS 759), WE ALSO REFER TO THREE
JUSMAGG AND THREE USCINCEUR MESSAGES THAT HAVE BEEN TRANS-
MITTED TO WASHINGTON OVER THE PAST THREE WEEKS RELATING
TO THESE GREEK GOVERNMENT REQUESTS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

2. I AM SENDING YOU THIS PERSONAL MESSAGE TO DRAW
YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS SUBMISSION BECAUSE OF THE GREAT
IMPORTANCE OUR RESPONSE WILL HAVE. THERE IS NO QUESTION
BUT THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WANTS AND NEEDS OUR
MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION. FOR REASONS WELL
KNOWN TO YOU, HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE TO BE FACED WITH A
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SERIES OF DIFFICULT INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES AS

WE SEEK TO REBUILD WITH THE CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT AND GREECE THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIPS WHICH MEET THEIR NEEDS AS WELL AS OUR OWN. THEREFORE, I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOU WILL SEE TO IT THAT THIS SUBMISSION IS AS CAREFULLY SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE AND THAT IT WILL NOT FALL PREY TO ROUTINE HANDLING. TOO MUCH IS AT STAKE.

3. I KNOW THAT PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS, DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF AND OTHERS IN THE GREEK GOVERNMENT ARE WAITING ANXIOUSLY FOR THE MAIN LINES OF OUR RESPONSE. I WOULD THEREFORE REQUEST THAT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, IF POSSIBLE, YOU ARM ME WITH AT LEAST SOME PRELIMINARY REACTION AND INDICATION OF WHAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO FOR GREECE.

4. WITH MANY THANKS AND BEST PERSONAL REGARDS.
KUBISCH

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